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I've also attached a quick update from Wally, the conference is about to end, but he still has no idea on what the outcome of our language is. I'm sure as soon as he has something he'll put it out.

The NLRB is finishing up and should have something out by the middle of next week. I know I've said that before, but they are really just about done.

The FLRA has just begun the investigation into the FAA's attempt to show us as a regional union. That won't go far, we are opposing it and as it unfolds I'll let you know. The time frame for a decision there would be approximately 6 months unless the FLRA just dismisses the request/charge.

Issues with sick leave, I've heard nothing from FAA national. What I've heard from around the country is that some people got the sick leave buy out that shouldn't have and those on a DSR didn't get it when they should have. I spoke to a New England Region HR specialist today and she advised that the FAA would be in touch with those who did get the overpayment and be looking for the money back. For those on DSR, I've heard a couple of different stories. The latest is that they coded you wrong and payroll is in the process of changing codes so you should expect the payment shortly. The other story I heard was that the FAA was holding off on paying the DSR people until the language in the conference was finalized. It sure would be nice if FAA HQ would put something out so people would know what the hell is going on.

Next up is the TSP issue, if you've tried to roll over your TSP into the LM plan, you'll find that TSP now shows you as a government employee. When DOI took over they sent the wrong codes to TSP and are in the process of fixing that, just one more screw up. This should be rectified within the next week or so.

There seems to be some confusion around the NAATS national office, the office is still there, same address/phone number/fax number. We do have an offer pending, but there is no move in sight for the next couple of months. As that happens you will be advised as it all happens.

Tom Forte the acting Regional Director for Southern Region has resigned and the BOD is in the process of either appointing someone or opening the nominations again. In the meantime, those in Southern Region that have a problem, send me an email to NAATSPres@aol.com and I will do my best to get

you answers. Remember those members in the southern region who are not dues paying members will not be able to vote or run for office. If you break your membership, you are no longer considered a member in good standing in order to hold office. If you plan on running for office and being involved in the organizations future, you need to keep your membership valid. If you want a say in what the new constitution looks like, you have to be a dues paying member. The grace period ends November 30, 2005.

If I haven't done it already, I'd like to thank Tom Forte for his help over the years and I'd like to congratulate Tom Avalos (AWP) and Greg Devereaux (ANM) who were the only two members nominated in their respective regions and will continue on as Directors there. Thanks guys for stepping up and trying to help get folks representation.

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